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[iii] PREFACE

The present analysis of the origin and evolution of the solar system represents a fusion of two initially independent approaches to the problem. One of us (Alfvén) started from a study of the physical processes (1942, 1943a, 1946; summarized in a monograph in 1954), and the other (Arrhenius) from experimental studies of plasma-solid reactions and from chemical and mineralogical analyses of meteorites and lunar and terrestrial samples. Joined by the common belief that the complicated events leading to the present structure of the solar system can be understood only by an integrated chemical-physical approach, we have established a collaboration at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), in La Jolla, during the last seven years. Our work, together with that of many colleagues in La Jolla, Stockholm, and elsewhere, has resulted in a series of papers describing the general principles of our joint approach, experimental results, and model approximations for some of the most important processes.

The present volume is a summary of our results, which we have tried to present in such a form as to make the physics understandable to chemists and the chemistry understandable to physicists. Our primary concern has been to establish general constraints on applicable models. Hence we have avoided complex mathematical treatment in cases where approximations are sufficient to clarify the general character of the processes.

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[531] SYMBOLS

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A	Sec. 8.3	Apocenter
A	Sec. 6.4 Eq. (6.4.13)	Variable of substitution
a	Sec. 2.1	Length of semimajor axis
	Sec. 6.4	Point label
	Sec. 7.2	Variable of substitution
B	Sec. 5.3	Magnetic field
B_{Tp}	Sec. 19.2	The transplanetary magnetic field (the magnetic field strength in the region of space outside Pluto)
B	Sec. 6.4 Eq. (6.4.14)	Variable of substitution
b	Sec. 4.3	Point label
	Sec. 7.2	Variable of substitution
C	Sec. 2.1 Eqs. (2.1.1)-(2.1.3)	Orbital angular momentum per unit mass

C_M	Sec. 2.1	Orbital angular momentum
	Sec. 13.1, Eq. (13.1.1)	Spin angular momentum
c	Sec. 5.3	Velocity of light
	Sec. 6.4	Point label
	Sec. 7.2	Variable of substitution

D	Sec. 6.7, Eq. (6.7.4)	Net transport of guiding centers
d	Sec. 8.3	Point label
	Sec. 21.8	Distance between electrodes
E	Sec. 4.3, Eqs. (4.3.4)-(4.3.5)	Proper eccentricity
	Sec. 5.3	Electric field
	Sec. 9.3	East
E_{ion}	Sec. 21.4.3, Eq. (21.4.4)	The value of the electric field at which discharge and ionization of gas become possible
E_{\parallel}	Sec. 15.3	Electric field parallel to the magnetic field
e	Sec. 2.1	Eccentricity
	Sec. 5.5	2.718 (the base of the natural logarithms)
	Sec. 15.3	Charge on the electron
F	Sec. 17.2, Eq. (17.2.4)	Sum of the gravitational, centrifugal, and electromagnetic forces per unit mass
f	Sec. 3.2	Force per unit mass
f_{ap}	Sec. 6.4, Eq. (6.4.3)	Force per unit mass due to apparent attraction to the guiding center of motion
f_{B}	Sec. 17.2	Electromagnetic force per unit mass
f_{c}	Sec. 3.2, Eq. (3.2.2)	Centrifugal force per unit mass
f_{G}	Sec. 3.2	Force per unit mass due to gravitation
f_{per}	Sec. 6.4, Eq. (6.4.4)	Force per unit mass due to a gravitational perturbation
f_{q}	Sec. 5.3	Electromagnetic force per unit mass

f_{t}	Sec. 18.3, Eq. (18.3.2)	Tidal force per unit mass
f_{Ψ}	Sec. 5.5	Force per unit mass due to impinging energy flux; radiation pressure
G	Sec. 2.1	Universal gravitational constant
g	Sec. 4.3	Absolute visual magnitude
	Sec. 8.2	Acceleration due to Earth's gravitational field
h	Sec. 2.2	Height above a specified surface
	Sec. 9.2	Height of tides on a celestial body

I	Sec. 4.3, Eqs. (4.3.6)-(4.3.7)	Proper inclination
	Sec. 15.4	Electric current
i	Sec. 2.1	Orbital inclination to the ecliptic plane
i_{eq}	Sec. 2.2	Inclination of equator to the orbital plan.
i_r	Sec. 13.6	Inclination of spin axis to the orbital plane
K	Sec. 11.2, Eq. (11.2.3)	Constant, in cm/g
	Sec. 23.2	Constant, in units of mass
K_r	Sec. 3.3, Eq. (3.3.9)	Constant, in radians
K_z	Sec. 3.3, Eq. (3.3.17)	Constant, in radians
k	Sec. 6.8	Boltzmann's constant
L	Sec. 1.4, Eq. (15.1.1)	Critical hydromagnetic parameter
	Sec. 8.5	Lagrangian points one and two
	Sec. 16.3	Electrostatic double layer
	Fig. 16.3.1	
	Sec. 26.3 Eq. (26.3.2)	Latent heat of fusion
L_4, L_5	Sec. 20.5	Lagrangian points four and five
l	Sec. 8.2	Length of a simple pendulum or the radial distance of a secondary body describing circular motion about a primary body.
	Sec. 15.1	Length (linear extent of medium)

M	Sec. 4.1	Mass of a macroscopic body
MB	Sec. 16.4	Total mass of plasma suspended by the magnetic field at any one given time
M_{H_2O}	Sec. 26.4, Eq. (26.4.2)	Mass of water released by impacting planetesimals
M_j	Sec. 12.5	Mass of a jet stream
m	Sec. 5.4	Mass of a small particle or grain
m_a	Sec. 11.2	Mass of an atom
m_e	Sec. 21.9	Mass of the electron
m_H	Sec. 11.2	Mass of the hydrogen atom
m_{per}	Sec. 6.4, Eq. (6.4.4)	Small mass introducing a perturbative gravitational force

N	Sec. 4.3	Number function
	Sec. 9.3	North
N	Sec. 6.7	Number density
n	Sec. 2.2	Index of numeration
	Sec. 3.3 Eq. (3.3.15)	The integers
O	Sec. 4.3	The center or origin of motion
P	Sec. 8.3	Pericenter
P_B	Sec. 15.1	Magnetic permeability
P_0	Sec. 4.3, Eq. (4.3-6)	Forced oscillation
p	Sec. 4.3	Albedo
p_0	Sec. 4.3, Eq. (4.3.4)	Forced oscillation
Q	Sec. 9.2	An inverse function of the angle which a tidal bulge makes with respect to the tide-producing body
	Sec. 16.3	Charge passing through a circuit during a given interval of time

Q_0	Sec. 4.3, Eq. (4.3.7)	Forced oscillation
q	Sec. 2.5	Ratio of the orbital distances of the innermost and outermost orbiting bodies in one group of secondary bodies
	Sec. 5.3	Electric charge
q_n	Sec. 2.2	Ratio of the orbital distances of adjacent secondary bodies
q_0	Sec. 4.3, Eq. (4.3.5)	Forced oscillation
R	Sec. 2.2	Radius of a solid body
R_G	Sec. 12.3, Eq. (12.3.4)	Radius of growing embryo at transition point between nongravitational accretion and gravitational accretion
R_g	Sec. 2.2	Radius of gyration; inertial radius
r	Sec. 2.4	Orbital radius
	Sec. 3.2	Radial direction
r_B	Sec. 23.2, Eq. (23.2.2)	Distance from the central body to a point on a magnetic field line from the dipole magnetic field of that body

r_{ion}	Sec. 21.4, Eq. (21.4.1)	Ionization distance (radial distance at which infalling matter can become ionized)
r_{L}	Sec. 11.2, Eq. (11.2.4)	Distance from a secondary body to its interior or exterior Lagrangian points one and two
r_{min}	Sec. 23.9, Eq. (23.9.6)	Minimum value of orbital radius of condensed matter which is in orbit around the primary body
r_{MR}	Sec. 18.3	The Modified Roche Limit (the radial distance at which matter orbiting a primary body cannot accrete to form a secondary body due to the tidal force of the primary)
r_{orb}	Sec. 2.1	Radial distance from primary body to orbiting secondary body
r_{per}	Sec. 6.4, Eq. (6.4.4)	Radial distance of the perturbing mass m_{per} from the guiding center of motion of another mass.
r_{R}	Sec. 18.3	The Roche limit (the radial distance at which the tidal force of the primary exceeds the self-gravitational force of the secondary)
r_{rel}	Sec. 21.13.3	Orbital distance at which ionization can take place for matter falling through a corotating plasma
r_{s}	Sec. 17.2, Eq. (17.2.13)	Radius of the surface which is the demarcation for plasma falling in toward the central body or falling into the equatorial plane
r_{syn}	Sec. 23.9	Orbital radius of a synchronous satellite; i.e., a satellite revolving with orbital velocity equal to the rotational velocity of its primary
r_{Tp}	Sec. 19.2, Eq. (19.2.2)	The maximum radial distance at which angular momentum transfer from the Sun has ever occurred; furthest extension of the transplanetary magnetic field.
S	Sec. 6.4, Eq. (6.4.3)	Displacement from the guiding center of motion of the particle executing that motion
	Sec. 9.3	South
s	Sec. 16.3	Arc length
T	Sec. 2.1	Sidereal period of revolution
T_e	Sec. 5.5, Eq. (5.5.10)	e-folding time (the time in which the value of a given parameter changes by a factor of e (2.718))
T_{gy}	Sec. 5.4	Period of gyration

T_{gz}	Sec. 2.2	Sidereal period of revolution of a grazing satellite; i.e., a secondary body having an orbit of semimajor axis equal to the radius of the primary body
T_{ion}	Sec. 23.1	Orbital period of a body orbiting at the ionization distance r_{ion}

T_{Φ}	Sec. 4.3	Period of variation in the proper elements of asteroid orbital motion
T	Sec. 6.8	Temperature
T_e	Sec. 17.3	Electron temperature
T_i	Sec. 17.3	Ion temperature
t	Sec. 3.3	Time
t_a	Sec. 12.3	Time of accretion (time at which an accreting embryo would attain an infinite radius)
t_c	Sec. 12.6, Eq. (12.6.6)	Time of catastrophic increase of an accreting embryo
t_{es}	Sec. 2.2 Eq. (2.2.3)	"Time of escape" (the ratio of the radius of a body to its escape velocity)
t_l	Sec. 16.3, Eq. (16.3.5)	Duration of a current flow
t_{inf}	Sec. 12.4	Infall time (duration of infall of matter into the solar system)
t_j	Sec. 12.5, Eq. (12.5.8)	Time at which the small radius of a contracting jet stream would reach zero
t_{res}	Sec. 16.5	Residence time (the interval in which matter resides in the plasma state)
t_v	Sec. 6.8	Time between occurrence of collisions; inverse of collision frequency
U	Sec. 12.2, Eq. (12.2.3)	Volume of a toroidal jet stream
u	Sec. 6.8	Relative velocity; "internal velocity" of a jet stream
V	Sec. 5.4	Electrostatic potential; voltage
V_b	Sec. 21.8	Burning voltage
V_{ion}	Sec. 15.3	Ionization voltage
v	Sec. 5.5	Velocity
V_{crit}	Sec. 15.3, Eq. (15.3.1)	Critical velocity at which an infalling atom can become ionized

	Sec. 21.8	The experimental value of relative velocity of a plasma and a gas at which increased ionization occurs.
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v_{es}	Sec. 2.2, Eq. (2.2.2)	Escape velocity
v_{imp}	Sec. 12.10, Eq. (12.10.1)	Impact velocity
v_{ion}	Sec. 21.4, Eq. (21.4.1)	The value of infall velocity at which ionization of infalling matter can take place
v_m	Sec. 12.12, Eq. (12.12.1)	Velocity capable of imparting sufficient kinetic energy to melt a specified mass
v_{orb}	Sec. 2.1	Orbital velocity of secondary body
v_{rel}	Sec. 21.13, Eq. (21.13.3)	Relative velocity
W	Sec. 8.2	Energy (potential and/or kinetic)
	Sec. 9.3	West
W_m	Sec. 12.12	Energy needed to melt a specified mass
W_T	Sec. 17.3	Thermal energy
w	Sec. 9.2	Energy dissipation; power
w_T	Sec. 12.10, Eq. (12.10.2)	Thermal power per unit surface area delivered by impacting mass
X	Sec. 13.4, Eq. (13.4.3)	Variable of substitution
x	Sec. 3.2	Rectilinear coordinate lying in the horizontal plane
	Sec. 12.2	Small radius of a toroidal jet stream
x_0	Sec. 6.4	Magnitude of the x axis of the epicycle described about a guiding center
Y	Sec. 13.4, Eq. (13.4-4)	Variable of substitution
y	Sec. 3.2	Rectilinear coordinate lying in the horizontal plane
Z	Sec. 13.3, Eq. (13.3-4)	Variable of substitution

z	Sec. 3.2	Rectilinear coordinate in the axial direction
	Sec. 2.3, Fig. 2.3.1	Sun
	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Mercury

♀	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Venus
⊕	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Earth
☾	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Moon
♂	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Mars
♃	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Jupiter
♄	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Saturn
♅	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Uranus
♆	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Neptune
♇	Sec. 2.1, Table 2.1.1	Pluto
♁	Sec. 17.5	Ascending node
♂	Sec. 17.5	Descending node
α	Sec. 6.8	Dimensionless proportionality factor
	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.4)	Dimensionless constant
α_{Ξ}	Sec. 2.2	Ratio of radius of gyration to equatorial radius of body
α_{Ξ}^2	Sec. 2.2	Normalized moment of inertia (moment of inertia per unit mass and unit radius squared)

β	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.5)	Dimensionless constant
Γ	Sec. 11.2	Dimensionless proportionality factor
Γ_{ion}	Sec. 21.2, Eq. (21.2.1)	Specific gravitational potential of secondary body with respect to the primary body
γ	Sec. 21.4, Eq. (21.4.2)	Value of gravitational potential at which infalling matter can become ionized
γ_B	Sec. 5.5, Eq. (5.5.4)	Dimensionless proportionality factor
Δ	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.6)	Dimensionless constant
δ	Sec. 16.5, Eq. (16.5.1)	Dimensionless proportionality factor
	Sec. 3.3	Indicating incremental change

	Sec. 6.7, Eq. (6.7.1)	Geometrical factor
	Sec. 12.10, Eq. (12.10.6)	Dimensionless proportionality factor indicating maximum in temperature profile of an accreting embryo
	Sec. 17.3	Degree of ionization
	Sec. 23.5	Dimensionless proportionality factor; the normalized distance (the ratio of the orbital radius of a body to the ionization distance for its primary body)
ϵ	Sec. 9.2	An angle
ζ	Sec. 23.1, Eqs. (23.1.4)-(23.1.5)	Dimensionless proportionality factor indicating degree of ionization of infalling matter
η	Sec. 9.3	Viscosity
Θ	Sec. 2.2	Mean density of a body
θ	Sec. 8.3	An angle
k	Sec. 8.2, Eq. (8.2.3)	Constant of integration
Λ	Sec. 3.6, Eq. (3.6.1)	Dimensionless constant

λ	Sec. 3.2	Meridional angle or latitude
μ	Sec. 16.3	Magnetic dipole moment
μ_{lm}	Sec. 16.4	Lower limit of the magnetic dipole moment such that the tangential component of the magnetic field is equal to the magnitude of the total magnetic field strength
ν	Sec. 6.8	Collision frequency; number of collisions per unit time
\bar{I}	Sec. 13.1	Moment of inertia
ξ	Sec. 8.4, Eq. (8.4.1)	Libration angle
π	Sec. 2.1	3.1415 (ratio of the circumference to the diameter of a circle)
ρ	Sec. 6.8	Density of dispersed matter
ρ_{dst}	Sec. 2.4, Eqs. (2.4.1)-(2.4.2)	Distributed density (density of a secondary body's mass when distributed along the orbit of that secondary)
Σ	Sec. 2.1	Indicating summation

σ	Sec. 5.5	Cross section
	Sec. 6.8	Collision cross section
	Sec. 12.3, Eq. (12.3.1)	Capture cross section
σ_E	Sec. 15.1	Electrical conductivity
σ_j	Sec. 12.7	Cross section of a jet stream
τ	Sec. 2.2	Spin period of a body
Υ	Sec. 9.2, Eq. (9.2.1)	Oblateness or ellipticity of a body
Φ	Sec. 15.3	Poloidal magnetic flux
Φ_p	Sec. 4.3, Eqs. (4.3.4)-(4.3.5)	Longitude of proper perihelion
Φ_Ω	Sec. 4.3, Eqs. (4.6)-(4.7)	Longitude of proper node

ϕ	Sec. 3.2	Azimuthal angle or longitude
χ	Sec. 6.7, Eq. (6.7.5)	Constant, in number/cm ³
	Sec. 11.2, Eq. (11.2.2)	Constant, in cm K/g
χ_m	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.6)	Constant, in units of number times a variable power of mass
χ_R	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.4)	Constant, in units of number times a variable power of radius
χ_σ	Sec. 7.2, Eq. (7.2.5)	Constant, in units of number times a variable power of cross section
Ψ	Sec. 5.5	Energy flux
ψ	Sec. 8.2	An angle
Ω	Sec. 9.3	Rotational angular velocity
Ω_{es}	Sec. 13.3, Eq. (13.3.3)	Rotational escape velocity
ω	Sec. 6.4	Orbital angular velocity

Subscripts

c	Central or primary body
sc	Secondary body

em	Embryo
gn	Grain
Lm	Limiting value
O	Initial value or parameter values for the guiding center or circular motion
K	Denoting orbital parameters for a body describing Kepler (circular) motion
A	Apocenter, aphelion, apogee, etc.
P	Pericenter, perihelion, perigee, etc.
Ω	Ascending (and descending) node
x,y,z	Components in the x, y, and z directions
r, ϕ, λ	Components in the r, ϕ , and λ directions
$\odot, \text{♁}, \text{♀}, \oplus, \text{♃}, \text{♄}, \text{♅}, \text{♁}, \text{♆}, \text{♇}$ $\text{♁}, \text{♁}, \text{♁}, \text{♁}, \text{♁}$	Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto



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